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THREE CENTS

THE LAST GREAT CALL.

The Swift and Final Summons From the Grim Destroyer to Hon. Elisha Allen.

In the Gay New Year Throng the icy Hand is Laid Upon His Heart,

And He Falls Dead in One of the Cloak Rooms of the White House.

The Body Removed to His Hotel—A Sad Summons to His Daughter.

Hon. Elisha H. Allen, minister from the Sandwich Islands to the United States, fell dead at the white house yesterday. It was half-past 12 o'clock, and the official reception was nearly over, when Mr. Allen and his son, Frederick H. Allen, a young man of 18 years, started for the cloak room, where the death occurred. As the member of the diplomatic corps whose residence here has been the longest, he was known as the dean, and in this capacity he had presented the other members to the President, standing through the ceremony with no apparent difficulty. Some of his friends say that he was looking remarkably well, but it appears that he complained to his son of being tired, and for this reason had suggested that they go home early. They walked from the east room, past the band, and to the small ante-room to the right of the main entrance, and he had stooped to take his coat, when

HE SUDDENLY FELL FORWARD, with a low cry of pain, and continuing unconscious, was taken up dead in less than ten minutes. Jerry, the colored attendant, was the first to turn and give him assistance, though in less time than it can be told young Mr. Allen had called Dr. Norris, of the army, who happened to be near at hand, and Dr. Hennenberger, of the navy, who stood not far away talking with other naval officers. They rubbed him, turned him from side to side, and resorted to all possible means of relief, but death had begun with the fall and the slight cry of pain, and the hands of the two doctors were in vain. The broad red ribbon and jeweled stars, insignia of rank, heightened the dramatic effect of the scene, and it was pitiful to see the kneeling men assure the doctor that his father lived, his hand finding warmth in the purple forehead. He was unable to realize the truth when the doctor said, "It is all over with your father, my lad," but the forehead was soon cold and the son realized that it was in truth all over with his father. He had been holding a glass of brandy and helping all he could, but he broke down at last, and had to be supported for a moment by Mr. John Davis. Everything had been managed quietly. Marshal McMichael, Congressman Springer, Col. Lydick, and a number of other officers were present, and they carried him to his carriage.

NOTHING WAS KNOWN OF THE DEATH for fully five minutes, except to those near the cloak room. The band continued to play, and the reception to the naval officers went forward. The association of oldest inhabitants was just coming in as the doors closed, and finally the sad news became known to the company. Mr. Frelinghuysen whispered to the President, and almost with a momentary impulse it was passed from mouth to mouth, and the hum of conversation ceased. The President seemed to stand a moment all over, and he hurried up stairs, while everyone hurried away.

The body was put in the carriage in which Mr. Allen came an hour or two before, and driven to the Hamilton, where another reception was held, and the body was carried to the white house, where it was placed in the silence of death in his room.

ANOTHER SON AND A DAUGHTER, both of whom are in New York, will arrive to-day, when the three children will decide upon the place of burial. There is still another son in the Sandwich Islands.

Mr. Allen was a tall, sparely built man, with a high forehead, and a thin, pale face. He was known to many in Washington, who have for years enjoyed his friendship and entertaining conversation.

The following SKETCH OF HIS CAREER as citizen, statesman, and diplomat is written from facts obtained from members of the family:

His excellency, Elisha Hunt Allen, was born in the state of Massachusetts, on the 28th of January, 1804. His father was Hon. Samuel C. Allen, of Newbury, an eminent lawyer of western Massachusetts; for many years a member of the Massachusetts legislature, during the embargo acts, and the war of 1812. He was elected to congress in 1817, and represented his district until 1820. Mr. Allen's mother was a Miss Hunt, a daughter of William Hunt, for whom Mr. Allen was named, the largest land-owner on Connecticut river at that time, one of the Northernmost branch of the Hunt family. Mr. Allen being a near cousin of William Hunt, the latter was graduated with honor from William's college in 1824, and after a course of three years' study at the law in his father's office, he removed to Brattleboro, Vt. After two or three years, he removed to Rangor, Me., and there formed a law partnership with Mr. Appleton, who has since been chief justice of Maine for so many years. In 1825 Mr. Allen was sent to the state legislature and in 1828 elected speaker of the house. The question of the northeastern boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, and in this matter Mr. Allen took a prominent part and was especially deputed to meet Gen. Scott, who was sent into Maine by the general government. In 1840 Mr. Allen was elected to congress and took his seat in 1841. He served on the committee on foreign affairs, and had a good deal to do in settling the northeastern boundary question, and thereby became well acquainted with Lord Ashburton, who had been sent on a special mission from Great Britain on account of this difficulty. In 1845 or 1847 Mr. Allen removed to Boston, and there practiced law. He was elected to the state legislature.

In 1850 or 1851, in coming into his office, he found a letter conferring on him the position of consul in the Hawaiian islands. Mr. Allen decided to embrace this opportunity of spending a year or two in a warm climate, and started almost immediately for that far-away country, which was to be the scene of all his future labor. After a few years spent at Hawaii as consul Mr. Allen took a position in the cabinet of the Hawaiian king as minister of finance, and took active part in constructing that far-away island kingdom on its present constitutional basis.

In 1857 Mr. Allen received the appointment of chief justice and chancellor of the kingdom, which position he held for upwards of twenty years, finally resigning in 1877 or 1878. Mr. Allen's great work of late years has been done in negotiating the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. In fact, he was sent to this country twenty-five years ago, and a treaty was negotiated with Mr. May, then secretary of state, who advocated it strongly. But at that time the treaty was suffered to fall through an objection being made to it, on the ground that the islands had free labor. Later another treaty was made between the king and Mr. Seward, then secretary of state, but it never went into operation. The war and its results were of such absorbing interest that everything else had to be postponed to that. In 1870 Mr. Allen was again accredited as minister to this country, and he held the position ever since. He then had frequent interviews with Mr. Sumner on the question of the treaty. Finally a special effort was made, and in 1876 the present treaty was negotiated.

intended between Mr. Allen and Mr. Fish, who was then secretary of state, Gen. Grant being strongly in his favor.

BRUTAL BUSINESS.

Murderous Work in Connecticut, New Jersey, and the South.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Jan. 1.—The quaint old town of Stratford was terribly excited last evening over the fact of a brutal murder which was committed there. The victim of the crime was Mrs. Phoebe Brush, a matron, aged about 35 years. Late yesterday afternoon Clarkson S. Ayers, a Baptist preacher, and Matthew Johnson and Mrs. Spicer, colored, called upon several colored families to induce them to attend a watch meeting at the church last evening. They called upon Mrs. Brush for that purpose, who lived alone, knocked at her door, and received no answer, but saw a light standing on the table. Going around to the window they discovered that a horrible murder had been committed. An investigation showed that she had been killed by an axe in the hands of some one who had come up behind her and struck her while she was sitting in a chair. Several ugly gashes were found in her head and neck, one of which nearly severed the head from the body. No definite clue has as yet been obtained as to the perpetrators of the crime. The deceased had lived apart from her husband for several years, and had sought to obtain a divorce. The case will be investigated to-day.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 1.—Alex. Harrell and a negro named Blount had a difficulty near Eastman yesterday, and Harrell split Blount's head with a knife. Blount was taken to the hospital, and Harrell was arrested. A number of his friends who were with him at the time, and who were armed with knives, were also arrested. Mrs. Foley was unconscious until Saturday when she died. Foley is in custody.

SLIGHING IN FRISCO.

A Great Snow Storm—Everything Entirely New in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—A heavy snow storm set in here about noon yesterday, and continued with great violence for over four hours. Snow fell to the depth of five or more inches. Old pioneers of this place state that they never saw a storm of equal violence and duration in this city for the past thirty years. A number of sleighs, the first ever seen in this city, are out on the streets.

Dispatches from many points in the state indicate that the fall of snow was quite general. The depth ranged from one inch to eight. Such a fall has scarcely ever been known in the history of California. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—During the past twenty-four hours a severe rain storm has prevailed here, accompanied by a heavy gale. The shipping sustained considerable damage, especially in the case of wooden vessels.

To the Electors of Tipperary.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Mr. Dillon has issued an address to the electors of Tipperary announcing that in deference to the wishes of his friends he has agreed to postpone his resignation as member of parliament until the first week of the session, consequently there will be a vacancy about the end of February. He categorically denies that he desires to be displaced with the parliamentary agitation. He says he believes more firmly than ever in the necessity of insuring that the Irish representatives in parliament shall be an independent body of nationalists who will oppose the measures of the government which deny rights to Ireland. He believes, above all, in organization in Ireland, in America and wherever the Irish remain faithful to their nationality. He resigns, he says, solely because his health is broken down and labor will be impossible to him for a considerable time. He believes the national cause was never since the union in a stronger position.

Confession of Three Murders.

MR. VONN, OHIO, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Stillwell, wife of Jay V. Stillwell, employed on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, has confessed to the murder of three men. She is at the house of relatives in Knox county. The first was Benjamin Swigart, her first husband, who she says she killed in Marysville, Mo., in March, 1877, with the aid of her mother and brother. The second was a stranger whom she met and killed for his money while stopping at a boarding house. The third was her own daughter, aged 14 years, whom she strangled in the presence of her mother at Bulo, Neb., in May, 1880. She also confessed that she attempted to kill her husband three times to obtain his life insurance. These confessions were first made to her husband and since to others. She is dying of consumption.

An Increase in Trade.

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 1.—Statistics carefully compiled show a decided increase in all branches of trade during the past year. The indications for the ensuing year are that it will be still more prosperous. The increase in the value of real estate in Petersburg as compared with that of 1881 is \$29,681; the increase in personal property, \$27,721; the increase in taxes on real estate, \$25,935; and on personal property, \$3,548. The total population of this district, including eleven counties and the city of Petersburg, is 198,177. During the past year United States Commissioner Gallagher has disposed of 100 cases of violation of the United States revenue laws.

Having "Fun" at a Watch Meeting.

READING, PA., Jan. 1.—Shortly after midnight while watch meeting services were being held in the reformed evangelical church here, a large cannon filled with stones and powder was discharged. The great wall of the church, and nearly all the windows, were shattered. Great excitement was caused among the audience, but fortunately no one was hurt. Eight arrests have been made and warrants are out for the apprehension of several others.

The "Black Ballot" Officials Go In.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 1.—City Clerk James P. Pigott and Auditor John W. Lake, who were elected at the late city election, and whose election was contested by John H. Whiting, who claimed the clerkship, and Charles Kimberley, claiming the position of auditor, on account of the "black ballots," were to-day sworn into office without opposition. Kimberley delivered the keys to Lake without protest.

Mr. Bee Denies It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—F. A. Bee, the Chinese vice consul, denies the report of the influx of disreputable Chinese women into Washington territory from British Columbia. He says only one woman has so far entered this country (and she was the wife of a Portland merchant) since the restriction law went into force. He reports twenty Chinese arrivals and 5,000 departures.

A Southern Railway Accident.

MACON, GA., Jan. 1.—The northbound passenger train from Jacksonville, Fla., due here at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, was derailed by a broken switch rod eighty-seven miles below here yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. Four cars rolled off the track, the baggage car turning over twice. One of one hundred passengers were hurt beyond a few bruises.

Nice County Commissioners.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Jan. 1.—Ex-county commissioners McKinney Smith, William C. Elder, and Daniel Carson were to-day convicted on the charge of perjury, embezzlement, and conspiracy, but Smith, having absconded his bail, was declared forfeited. The other two pleaded guilty of embezzlement, and will be sentenced hereafter.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT

Of the Death of Gambetta—What His Own Paper Says—European Press Comments.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The *Republique Francaise* will to-morrow publish the following authentic account of the passing away of Gambetta: Early Sunday morning there was a notable change for the worse in M. Gambetta's condition. Nevertheless he was allowed to cherish the illusion of ultimate recovery. At 9:30 o'clock he was able to have his bed changed, without any great difficulty, with the assistance of the doctor, M. Etienne, and some servants. The doctor, who up to this time had been very cautious, was unable longer to conceal his apprehensions. In the afternoon the disease had increased in violence, and the patient's strength was visibly diminished. Some personal friends, who had been warned in time to visit M. Gambetta, and they learned that there was "no hope." M. Gambetta's father-in-law and sister were sent for, also some other friends who had not previously received intimation of M. Gambetta's approaching dissolution. The death agony was a short and terrible one. He uttered a few lost consciousness, and at 11:55, after uttering a few feeble moans, expired. It may be said, without suffering, and without suspecting that death was so near.

The conductors of the *Republique Francaise* have received telegrams of condolence from all parts of France.

At a meeting of the council of ministers this evening it was decided that M. Gambetta should be buried at the expense of the state. COMMENTS OF THE ENGLISH PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The *Times* in a leading editorial says: "Gambetta's death is the saddest and most timely of events. His removal disturbs the balance of power, and his experience can show in what way the equilibrium is to be restored. The future course of France is rendered as uncertain as it is taken dark. The course of events in Europe is likely to be not less profoundly modified. The history of the coming generation may be profoundly modified by the removal of Gambetta. Whether the change is for good or ill cannot be determined with certainty. It is, but of its magnitude there can be no doubt. The editorial concludes: "The world itself is poorer for the untimely loss of so potent a force; France is bereaved of the one statesman who taught her to be true to herself and to her principles."

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The *Daily News*, in a leading editorial article, says: "Since the death of Thiers, there was not in France a man who could be compared to Gambetta. He stood like a Saul—head and shoulders above his contemporaries. His death has scattered many of our political illusions. His loss is one that phases all calculation, but it may be hoped the republic is safely established and will have little to fear from internal enemies and the conspiracies of domestic factions. The national deep standing to ways of power who can be served to advantage even by statesmen far inferior in capacity to the man of genius she has lost."

The *Morning Post* says: "Whether France has really lost by the death of Gambetta can never be determined with certainty. The republic is deprived of one of its grandest pillars, but its stability will not be sensibly weakened."

The *Standard* in a leading article this morning says: "It is not to be denied that M. Gambetta stood well above and beyond all other men in France. It is quite impossible to estimate all at once the effect his death will have on the future of France and the fortunes of Europe, but as far as can be judged, his death is an immense calamity. The *Daily Telegraph* this morning says M. Gambetta had not the least faint of socialism. He had a great heart, a fine soul, and a splendid intellect. He will be remembered in history as the one man who embodied the ideal of the republic. He was a hero in the national memory as the hero of a desperate, but honorable war."

THE CONTINENTAL PRESS.

A Berlin dispatch says: The death of Gambetta was announced to the emperor before the New Year's reception of the generals and ministers. Prince Bismarck was present. The emperor expressed the opinion that France would be the lot of Germany for a long time to come. VIENNA, Jan. 1.—No newspapers were published here to-day, and the death of M. Gambetta has consequently not yet been noted by the press. On the house of the event is regarded as a guarantee of peace, and it is thought that it will prevent a war between France and Germany for a long time.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 1.—The *Independence Belge* issued a special edition to-day, in which it also announced the death of M. Gambetta. No other papers were published. The deceased statesman had many admirers here, and the feeling of sorrow for his demise is deep.

A Steamer Stranded.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The steamer *Wheatfield* from New York, Dec. 14, for Leith, stranded at St. Catherine's point, at 7:40 o'clock last evening in a thick fog. The crew, with the assistance of the coast guard, were saved in their own boats. The steamer is entirely covered at half tide; the deck is exposed to the sea; the mainmast and funnel are gone by the board. Should the weather continue as at present, the prospects of saving the cargo are favorable. Sacks of flour are now washing from the hold. The steamer will be a total wreck. The wind is now southwest. There is a thick fog and rain.

Took Him Out of Jail and Killed Him.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1.—A letter from Tazewell court-house gives the details of the lynching of a negro named Buford Smith on Thursday night at that place for the murder of a young white man named Charles Kenzer during a dispute on December 24. The mob broke into the jail and took the negro out, and upon the jailor summoning assistance they began shooting at the prisoner and wounding him. He died soon after being taken back to the jail.

Earthquake in Canada.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 1.—Between 11:30 and 12 o'clock last night a slight shock of earthquake was felt in the southern portion of the city, lasting about thirty seconds. Many buildings were shaken.

Rockland, Me., Jan. 1.—A shock of earthquake was felt throughout this city and vicinity at about 10 o'clock last night, followed two hours later by a tempest of thunder and lightning.

New York's Democratic Speaker.

ALBANY, Jan. 1.—At the democratic assembly caucus this evening Mr. Chapin, of King's county, was nominated for speaker on the first formal ballot. The vote stood as follows: Chapin, 82; Erasmus Brooks, 35; Benedict, 33; Pomeroy, 11; Churchill, 1. Necessary to a choice, 42. The republican caucus nominated Theodore Roosevelt, of New York.

The New Officials of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—To-day the beginning of the new year was signified by the retirement of Chief Justice Shawcross from the supreme bench, to be succeeded by Judge Merrett; Judge Briggs from common pleas court No. 4, who is succeeded by Judge Michael Arnold; Sheriff Taylor, who is succeeded by George Dobb, Keim; City Treasurer

Martin, who is succeeded by William B. Irene, and Register of Wills Taylor, who is succeeded by Walter E. Re. These officials entered upon the duties of their official positions without formalities, and the new appointees also took the places of those who have been retired.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Hawthorne's Sister and Others Whose Lives Were Ended Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Chief Commissioner of Highways William Baldwin died suddenly shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. He walked from home to attend the opening meeting of city council, accompanied by his brother and one of the select councilmen. On the way down he complained of feeling unwell, but continued his journey until he reached a tobacco store on Sixth street, above Chestnut, which he entered, sat on a chair, his head drooping on his breast. He was unable to speak, and seemed to be unconscious. Messengers were sent for physicians, and in the meantime Mr. Baldwin was laid on a cot in a room above. A doctor arrived, he pronounced Mr. Baldwin dead. The cause of death is supposed to be heart disease. An election for a successor to Mr. Baldwin this morning. Mr. Baldwin was a candidate for re-election, but he was opposed by the committee of one hundred and the reform element in council, and his defeat was conceded by some of his friends. It is supposed that his death was caused by undue excitement, which was by him being going into session to elect his successor, postponed the subject, and eulogies upon the dead commissioner were pronounced; after which both branches of city council adjourned out of respect to the deceased.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 1.—Thomson of the East of Wemyss and March, a liberal conservative. He was born 1796.

SEMA, A.L.A., Jan. 1.—This community was shocked to-day by the sudden death this morning, through an accidental overdose of chloroform, of Henry W. Bell, who was editor of the *Morning Times*. He was a brilliant young writer and was regarded as one of the best local editors in the south.

MERIDEN, CONN., Jan. 1.—Rev. S. H. Doshon, for thirty-three years rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in this city, died to-day from blood poisoning caused by an abscessed tooth which he had extracted last Tuesday.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1.—Miss Eliza Manning Hawthorne, only sister of Nathaniel Hawthorne, died at Beverly to-day, aged over 90 years.

DECATUR, ILL., Jan. 1.—Dr. J. T. B. Stapp died yesterday, aged 79. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk and Mexican wars. He served as auditor of state from 1822 to 1827.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Preparations to Crown King Kalakaua—Cutting Cable by Electric Lights.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The steamer *Smek* has arrived from the Sandwich Islands bringing news to Dec. 22. They are very active there making preparations for the coronation of King Kalakaua on the 12th of February. A grand amphitheatre, which will seat over 4,000 persons, is being erected in front of the palace. The coronation ceremonies will take place in the grand pavilion. The whole Hawaiian population appears to be united as one man to do honor to King Kalakaua. The king's ministers recently made a tour of Oahu and were very enthusiastically received by the people. The railroad which is projected around the island of Oahu, a very favorable route, is estimated will cost more than \$500,000. This will give a wonderful impetus in the island. An Australian projector, Capt. Audley Cotte, projects a cable line from the British colonies via the Sandwich Islands to San Francisco. There are over three hundred telephone wires in use in the city of Honolulu and the application of the telephone is made throughout the islands on the plantations. Some of the planters are now using the telephone. Information has been received that an English and French admiral, with their Pacific fleets will be in port at the time of the coronation. It is also stated that two Russian vessels of war will be in port at the same time. Preparations are being made by the government for the reception of the Japanese embassy sent out to be present at the coronation. The sugar crop for 1883 is coming in rapidly. All mills throughout the group are now grinding. Young canes are in first-class condition, and give promise of a heavy crop in 1884. The sugar plantation stock is very low. There are no fears entertained about the renewal of a treaty with the United States.

Celebrating Emancipation.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 1.—The greatest gathering of colored people that ever assembled in the city, assembled at the capital to-day to celebrate the emancipation proclamation. Hon. W. A. Pledger presided, and E. L. Walker, J. Thomas Grand, and R. E. Wright delivered addresses.

By Associated Press.

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 1.—Emancipation day was celebrated here, as usual, by the colored people. The first Georgia battalion of colored soldiers, the Savannah Light Infantry, the 388th Central Postal Directory, and the 2888 Central Postal Directory, all colored, paraded. The day passed without an accident of any kind.

Lieut. Gov. Lewis Enters a Suit.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1.—Lieut. Gov. John T. Lewis to-day instituted a suit for \$10,000 damages against J. B. McChesney and J. S. Walker, of the faculty of the medical college of Virginia, and Policeman G. H. Matthews, for false arrest and imprisonment. The suit is in consequence of the arrest of Lieut. Gov. Lewis, at the time that he, at the head of the new board of directors of the medical college, attempted to take charge of affairs at the medical college some months since, he being resisted by the faculty, on the ground that the time of the old board of directors had not expired. The old board still holds on and will not surrender the management of the college until legally ousted.

Business Failures.

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 1.—The Fulton cotton mill, No. 5, of this city, operated by George Calder, has suspended operations, owing to the dullness in trade. About 300 operatives are thrown out of work.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 1.—Henry Jacobs, clothing dealer, made an assignment to-day. The liabilities are estimated at \$6,000. Assets, \$2,500.

Reducing Wages.

READING, PA., Jan. 1.—William M. Kaufman & Co., who operate furnaces at Topton and Kutztown, to-day announced a reduction of ten cents per day in the wages of all their employees on account of the reduction in the price of iron. The men at the Topton furnace struck, but the Kutztown furnace is still working.

The Ford Brothers Ship.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The Ford brothers, who became involved in a scrimmage at Fort-culmud last Saturday evening, did not wait to be arrested this morning, as their manager agreed they should, but left on the train for New York. It is not probable that the police will think it worth while to bring them back.

Something That Washington Wants.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—The waterworks completed their improvement and turned on the water this afternoon. This improvement gives the city a capacity of 15,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

New York's Violators of Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—On the last day of the old year the police arrested twenty-three people for violating the Sunday law, ninety for drunkenness, and six for violating the excise law.

KEYSTONE STATE POLITICS.

King Caucus at Harrisburg—Democratic and Republican Aspirants.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 1.—Little of interest took place in the democratic caucus of members of the house of representatives this evening. The session lasted until midnight, the time being occupied in balloting for the different candidates. Jacob Zeigler, of Butler, was chairman, and after the election of a speaker, which was in favor of John E. France of Philadelphia, a resolution was presented and adopted designating the order of business and authorizing a committee, to consist of one from each congressional district to consider the feasibility of cutting down any unnecessary offices, and to report the same to the caucus in the morning. P. Gray Mack, of Center county, was nominated for chief clerk; C. B. Johnson, of Wilkes-Barre, reading clerk; D. Barker Gregory, of Clarion, county clerk; G. Morris Eckles, transcribing clerk; Elbridge McConeky, resident clerk. The caucus after the announcement of the committee then adjourned until morning. No caucus was held by the republicans to-night, but one is announced for the morning.

The republican senatorial meeting to-night was held with closed doors, and was very protracted. Twenty-nine senators were present, McCracken being the absentee. Henry A. Boggs called the meeting to order, and Charles H. Sulley, of Perry county, was called to preside. Speeches were made tending to party harmony, but the body could not agree upon a plan of action. Senators Lee and Reburn were named for president pro tem. of the senate. Reburn received 12 votes and Lee 11. Senators Stewart, Lee, and Reburn did not vote. The democrats did not meet to-night. They will hold a caucus in the morning.

LIFE A RUDEEN.

The Mayor of Salem, Massachusetts, and Others Commit Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—James A. Elliott, aged 42, a watchman at the Lincoln market, committed suicide at his home this morning by taking arsenic.

Silas Sullivan shot and killed himself this forenoon at No. 24 north Fourth street. He was a watchman at the city hall. Mayor Samuel Calley, of the city of Salem, whose term of office expired to-day, committed suicide this afternoon. He went home about 3 o'clock and told his family he was tired and would retire to his room and rest. His wife went upstairs to call him and found his lifeless body hanging to the banisters of the back stairs. He had served two terms as mayor, and was about 50 years of age.

SCRANTON, PA., Jan. 1.—Frederick Jacobs to-night fired two shots at his wife with effect, and then shot himself three times. He died instantly.

REDUCED TO ASHES.

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Valuable Property Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 1.—Number 10 breaker of the Pennsylvania Coal company was burned about 4 o'clock this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown; loss \$150,000.

MR. PULASKI, ILL., Jan. 1.—A fire to-day, originating in the real estate office of J. C. Harbin, destroyed property valued at \$25,000.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 1.—A fire last night in the room of dry goods and millinery stores of A. B. Bolton materially damaged the stock, worth \$15,000.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—A fire to-night on Chauncy street caused a damage of \$15,000 to the stock of Hyde & Co., fancy goods.

The Late Suicide in Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Count von Wimpfen, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador here, who committed suicide on Saturday, had lately been in the habit of talking aloud to himself for hours. He had carried a revolver about with him for a week. On Friday he fired it out of a window of the Hotel Monville against the black wall of the courtyard to test it. The supposition that his suicide was connected with financial embarrassments gains color from the fact that one of the letters he left is addressed to a rich Austrian financier living in Paris. Count von Wimpfen was known to be rich, considering the position he held. He had intimate relations in the faubourg St. Germain among the classes who suffered heavily from the Union Generale crash.

The Tennessee Legislature.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 1.—The senate organized to-day by the election of B. F. Alexander, of Rutherford, speaker, and T. C. Long, of Madison, clerk.

A slight session was caused by a passage in the opening prayer, Rev. T. A. Hoyt as follows: "From regulations and from all forms of dishonesty, Good Lord deliver us." The house partially organized by electing W. L. Ledgerwood, of Knox, speaker, and E. B. Wade, clerk. The failure to organize to-day postponed the constitutional election until sixteenth as the law fixes it for the second Tuesday after organization.

Narrow Escape on the Rail.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 1.—A freight train on the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans railway, in backing over a crossing here to-day, ran over a wagon and team. The driver escaped, but the mules were killed. A fat cow was thrown from the track and driven into the freight department of the express office. John Longan and a negro assistant were badly injured by the car striking them and falling being jammed in a wagon there. Agent Kell and assistant Jennings narrowly escaped by making a quick exit through the front door.

Smallpox in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, JAN. 1.—Smallpox is said to be very prevalent in the eastern and southern sections of the city, but confined principally to localities bordering on the river front. Seventy-one deaths from smallpox were reported for the week ending last Saturday. To-day a case occurred in the city jail, and after a meeting of the board of visitors over 500 prisoners confined for minor offenses were discharged. The general impression is that the prevalence of the disease is owing to the inefficiency and negligence of the health department.

A New Yorker Arrested in London.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—In the Thames police court to-day a man named McPherson, who had been found loitering on the London dock, was arraigned for examination. He said he had come from New York to see London. He was remanded to permit further inquiry to be made, as it was supposed that he might belong to some secret society.

Austrian Wants Allies.

PERTH, JAN. 1.—Herr Tisa, president of the Hungarian council, in replying to the New Year congratulations of liberals to-day, he could not see any ground for apprehension of disturbance of the peace. It was one of the principal aims of the government he said to seek allies, not for war, but for the preservation of peace.

Democrats of Delaware in Caucus.

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 1.—The democratic members of both houses of the legislature held caucuses to-night and selected the following officers: Speaker of senate, Samuel B. Cooper; clerk, Charles Wiley; speaker of the house, George P. Bates; clerk, E. W. Waples.